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## U. S. School Children Become Thrift Workers

School children in all public and private schools in every city and hamlet in America are being marshaled into one great army of thrift workers under the guidance of the National Education Association and the American Society for Thrift. Each county superintendent in the United States is today receiving an urgent request from the National Education Association asking him to assume the leadership and perfect the organization in his county.

Every child in the United States will, under this plan, be permitted not only to compete for the cash prizes, aggregating more than \$1,000, which are being offered for thrift essays, but the winner of each county will be given a special medal and, it is urged, will be invited to appear on the program of the county institute and read his prize winning essay.

O statement sent out by the Secretary of the National Education Association says, "As near as we can estimate, more than 20,000 school children participated in the thrift essay contest last year; 11 contestants, representing eight states, were awarded prizes. This year we are asking each county superintendent to have a contest within his county on any plan which may be deemed feasible, and to the winner of the contest in each county there will be presented a medal. These medals have been provided by E. W. Straus, president of the American Society for Thrift. It is suggested that the county superintendent give notice of the contest to each school in the county whether public or private, rural or city, specify

the number of essays to be received from each, and permit the school to suggest the manner of selection. In most counties, patrons' institutes or teachers' institutes are held, and we suggest that in making up the program for one of these, the writer of the winning essay be asked to read the same and you award the medal to the writer at that time."

An indication of the widespread interest in this matter is shown by the fact that the National Education Association has placed an order for 2,500 medals and Secretary D. W. Springer states he believes the number of counties competing in the great American essay contest will even exceed this number.

### MACHINISTS' LECTURE SERIES WILL BEGIN AT PLAZA THEATRE, JAN. 14

The first of a series of lectures planned by the International Association of Machinists will be heard at the Plaza theatre Jan. 14. Dr. W. H. Brown, head of the health department, may be asked to be the first speaker. Invitations have been sent to prominent men throughout the country and tentative acceptance have been received.

The children behave quite well during the holiday season, as over-eating is not conducive to initiative and energy in pursuit of mischief.

Some people's idea of economy is buying an automobile that they can't afford on the ground that prices will go up and it will cost more later.

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## TODDLE, NEWEST DANCE, GIVEN A WORKOUT IN N. Y.

Long Skirts Unsuitable to Steps and If You Are Fat, Keep Away.

New York, Dec. 29.—Toddling will be one of the diversions this winter, said G. Hepburn Wilson, head of the American National College of Dancing, at a convention of dancing teachers in this city yesterday. Fifty teachers saw him go through the toddle at the Hotel Biltmore.

Mr. Wilson said the new dance was simple, but to a non-professional observer it did not look so. In performing it you sway backward, then forward to the rhythm of the music. There is a "break" in the music like that in the old-fashioned clog dance. Arthur N. Green, who composed an air for the half-and-half for the Castles, has written "The Inner Circle Toddle" for the new dance and was on hand to play it for the teachers.

"It's the break that gets the people's feet going," said Mr. Wilson. Here is the way the dance looked: First the man takes four steps forward and the woman four steps backward. Then the trouble begins. Any one can take the four steps, but the rub is to pick it up and turn on one foot on the next step. The turn must be done rhythmically, with the body swaying, and if you lose your balance it's all off. Every one lost his or her balance yesterday, and all were teachers. For the ordinary mortal the thing seemed impossible. It took the class an hour to get the pivot and turn.

Mr. Wilson had two assistants on hand to aid him, but even Miss Dorothy Day and Miss Kitty Kerwin grew despondent as they tried to show the teachers how to toddle. After three hours of practice the class managed to master the cardinal principles of the toddle, but still were uneasy as to the break and pivot.

"The toddle," said Mr. Wilson after the meeting, "is a simple dance, and New Yorkers undoubtedly will take hold of it with a will." In watching the new step several things were noted. First, if you are a woman it would be wise to wear abbreviated skirts. Both short and long costumes were worn yesterday, and the prize went to the shorts. Even Mr. Wilson admitted this. Another conclusion: If you are fat do the best you can until you get to the turn and pivot. Then sit down.

## ARCHIES END RAID OF TEUTON FLIERS FIRING SHRAPNEL

Describe the Battles Fought High Above the Clouds.

With the British Armies in France (via London), Dec. 24.—A day of sunshine a rarity in December on the British front, caused a temporary revival of activity among the aviators to-day, presenting a spectacle which a few years ago could have lived only in the imagination. Out of the distance there came early in the day a series of black "Archies" which gradually grew until they took the form of German airplanes. From points of telescopic observation their approach had been signalled long before even the first tiny dots were visible to the naked eye. British guns were ready and British airplanes were already climbing above the ruins of the shell torn Flemish town to challenge the invaders.

While the German machines were still over their own lines the British aircraft known as "Archies" began to speak. There was a sharp, angry crack. A moment later a shrapnel shell burst into a white puff ball just in the path of the on-coming airplanes. At first, the white flock of powder smoke seemed to be greater than a pin head, but it soon spread until it appeared as an exaggerated top balloon and floated as lazily against the sky. Then there was another puff, and then another, until it seemed that a hundred "Archies" must be going and the sky became a network of white smoke balls, each one marking a spot where a breaking shell had showered its leaden bullets upon the fast travelling Germans.

British Open Fire. Plugging in and out among the exploding shrapnel, the approaching airplanes left a trail of these black and powder puffs in their wake. Up and up, through the danger zone of their own guns, the British aviators climbed eagerly to the fight. The distant hum of the hostile motors could now be heard, mingled with the louder, bee like drone of the English machines, and between the scarcity perceptible intervals of the "Archies" fire came the staccato notes of the machine guns. The British airmen had opened fire before reaching the level of their adversaries.

Now the British machines began to close in from various directions and the invaders turned suddenly and started for their own lines. Their precipitate retreat was marked by the same trail of shell fire as had been their approach. The British aviators pursued, but having now the advantage of height and a diving start for home, the Germans temporarily got away.

This was the first phase of the day's battles in the air—a prelude to the later fighting, when two German machines came crashing to earth in spinning nose dives. Airplanes are never so much like birds as when they meet in combat. They dart, dash, circle, turn and swoop like so many feathered warriors, and often the battles rage at such high altitudes that the machines become all but invisible.

Manoeuvring for Position. Again there will be a fight among

the clouds, when the more daring aviators make startling plunges through the intervening mist to catch their opponents unaware. Always there is great manoeuvring for positions, and spectators are filled with wonder at what the modern airplane can do; even to excelling the birds in their own element by flying upside down.

Most of the fighting aviators endeavor to "get on the other fellow's tail." This means a position above and slightly behind the adversary, where one can fire down into him. Others, however, prefer to attack from a position almost directly underneath, thinking they have a steadier firing platform in climbing than in diving.

The latter day machines have such wonderful stability that they can be brought down only by direct hits, killing the pilot or piercing the petrol tank, in which latter event the airplane generally catches fire and falls in a blazing spiral. "Archies" shells often blow airplanes out of the line by making many punctures in their wings, but the machines thus damaged generally are brought safely home.

When the history of aviation in the present war is written it will contain some of the most thrilling chapters of the strange world conflict. The British Flying Corps has established records of daring and attainment which even in the colorless official reports of the corps read like action. Recently there have been fights on the British front in which from 60 to 80 machines were engaged. Such battles begin with individual fights and gradually develop into what the aviators term a "general melee," as reinforcements arrive from both sides.

Fighting at Close Range. There have been as high as 96 distinct fights in a single day on this front alone. Near the point where the British and French lines meet there have been fights in which the French have come to the assistance of the English and the English have gone to the assistance of the French to help defeat the Germans. There have been numerous engagements in which a British aviator has closed within 20 yards of his adversary, firing point blank into him. British and French aviators, as a last resort, have deliberately crashed into a German. After one instance of that sort a British aviator brought his machine down with only one wing.

On one occasion three British machines deliberately dived into a formation of 17 German machines, destroying two. Another time two British aviators attacked 11 Germans, and once a Second Lieutenant of the British corps attacked five hostile machines. He was attacked from behind, but turned and got in the rear of the hostile craft and keeping "on its tail" drove it down.

The British aviators take great satisfaction at the result of a recent fight when they attacked a German bombing squadron which was trying to cross the British lines. In the heat of the aerial combat the Germans let go bombs which fell into their own lines.

Former Premier Asquith issued a statement denying that his daughter, Elizabeth, is engaged to be married.

Announcement was made of the resignations of Capt. Edwin Moody and First Lieut. Roy Wilbur of Company H, First Regiment, N. G. N. Y.

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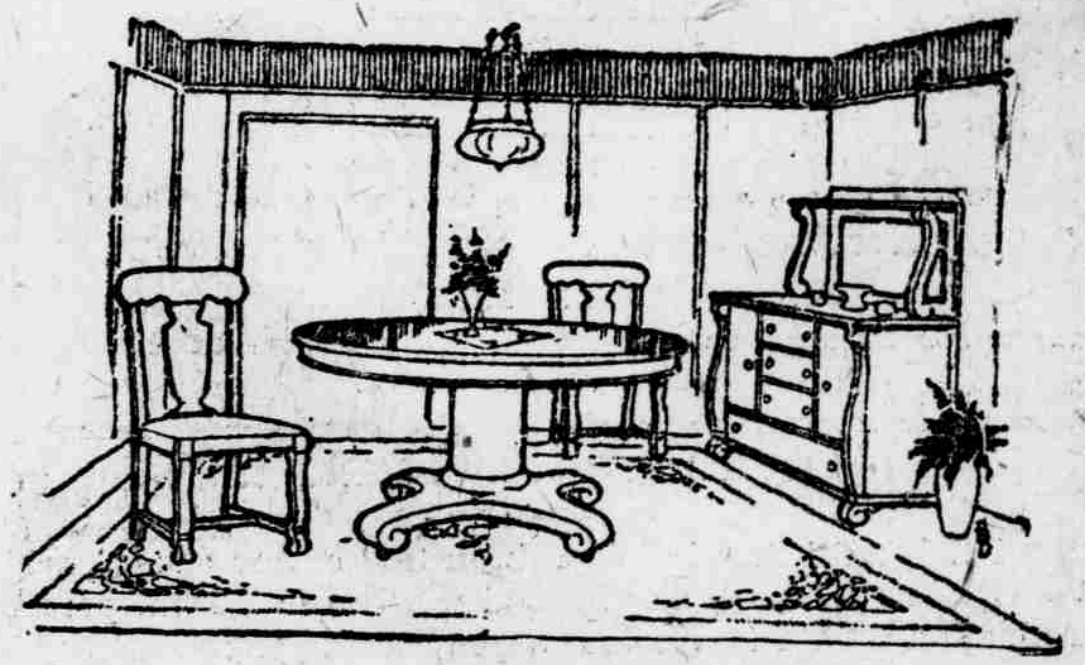
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